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Lester A. Snow, Executive Director CALFED Bay-Delta Program 1416 Ninth Street, Suite 1155 Sacramento, California 95814

Dear Mr. Snow:

Thank you for sending me copies of the CALFED Bay-Delta Program's Phase II Interim Report. This material describes the complexity of the CALFED challenge very well. It offers evidence to all Californians that decisions about the Delta are critical and, indeed, will have long lasting effects.

Please consider adding a public hearing in Sacramento during the period you have scheduled for public input. While the schedule noted in the Programatic EIS/EIR includes an "Orientation Session" in Sacramento, it does not include an opportunity for the public to comment in Sacramento. While there will be public hearings nearby, I think that a public hearing would be helpful for this community which, of course, is at the confluence of two of the most significant sources of Delta water—the Sacramento and American Rivers.

I appreciate your work and the effort you have made to bring CALFED forward during the past several years. I hope you will consider my request for a hearing in my district. Please call me or Tom Higgins of my staff if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

DEBORAH V. ORTIZ

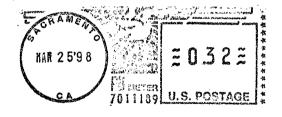
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